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ATTACHMENT

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OX CART MISSION DATA
Mission BX6718

Date Scheduled: 31 August 1967

Date Flown: 31 August 1967

Mission Completed as Planned: (see Remarks)

Mission Abort:

Ground: N/A
Air: N/A

Mission Cancellation: N/A

Reason: _____

Mission Recalled: N/A

Reason: _____

Precautionary Landing: N/A

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Remarks: Mission partially successful. Weather was worse than
briefed; camera malfunctioned after first pass.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Critique for OXCART Mission Number BX6718

1. Subject mission critique was conducted in the OSA Control Center commencing at 1400 hours, 6 September 1967.

2. Mission Data:

- a. Mission Number: BX6718
- b. Date Flown: 31 August 1967
- c. Area of Operation: North Vietnam
- d. Mission Success: Partially Successful (see Para 3. c. (3) below)
- e. Pilot's Name:
- f. Aircraft Number: 127
- g. Primary or Spare Flown: Primary
- h. Takeoff Time - Planned: 31/0240Z
Actual: 31/0240Z
- i. Landing Time - Planned: 31/0750Z
Actual: 31/0752Z
- j. Time Enroute - Planned: 5+10
Actual: 5+12
- k. Departure Base: Kadena AB
- l. Landing Base: Kadena AB
- m. Equipment:

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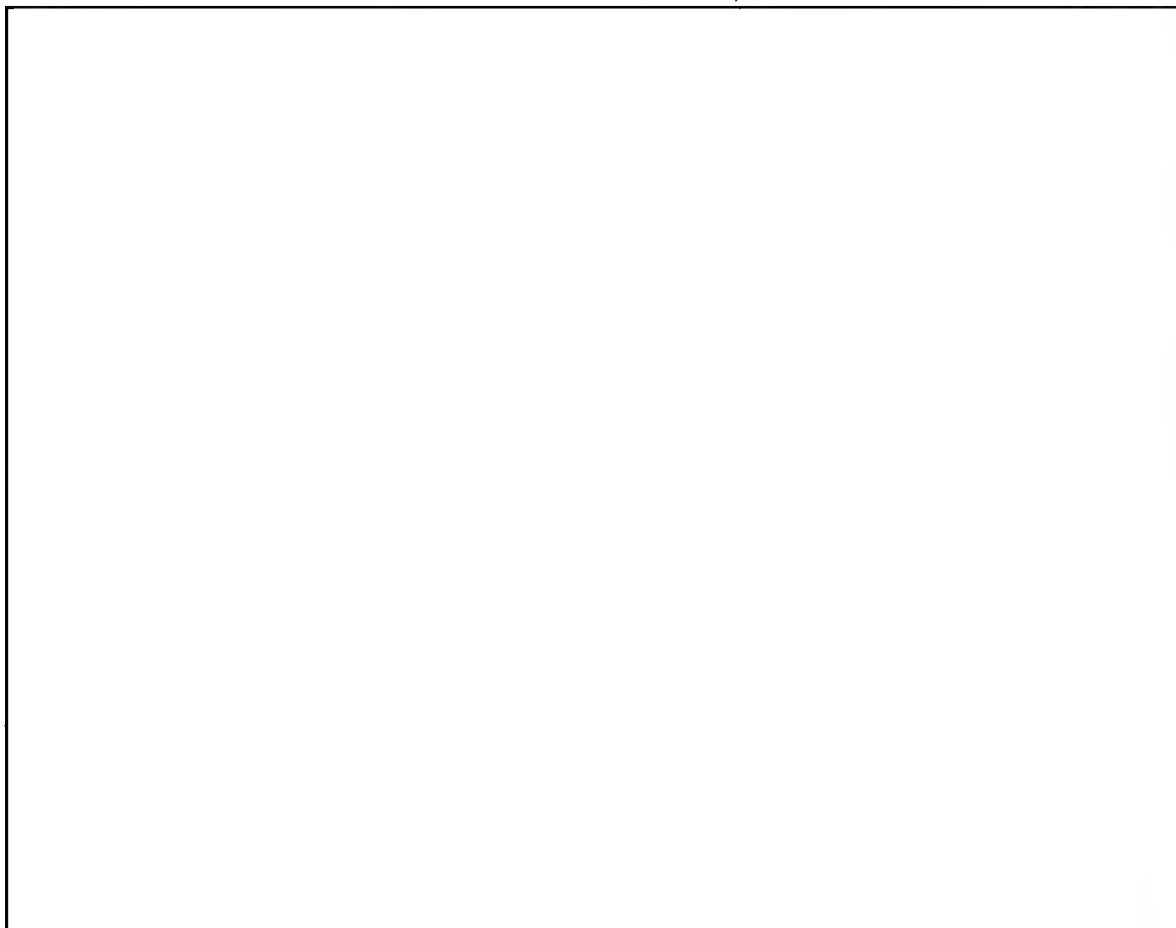
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3. Operations:



(3) Some target coverage was obtained despite camera malfunction and poor weather in target areas.

4. Weather:

a. Forecast vs Actual:

(1) Worse than briefed.

(2) Comments: CAT III (1/8 Cu, 1/8 Ac & 2/8-3/8 Cl) Forecast for all flt lines. CAT V (5% cloud free) existed over Pass No. 1; CAT II over Pass No. 2; and CAT I over Pass No. 3. The 417 satellite indicated deterioration over Pass No. 1 which was considered prior to takeoff. Deterioration due tropical storm "Nora."

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- b. Weather Scout Reporting: Satisfactory.
5. Intelligence:
- a. Target Coverage:
- (1) 0 of 22 programmed targets covered.
 - (2) 1 first-priority SSM targets of 9 covered.
 - (3) 3 of 27 first-priority NVN COMOR targets covered.
 - (4) 0 SAM sites, 0 sites occupied, 0 new sites.
 - (5) 1 other priority NVN COMOR target covered.
 - (6) Comments: No evidence of offensive SSM equipment or facilities observed. Photography of land mass is 6/8 cloud covered.

- b. Quality of Take: Satisfactory.

(1) Resolution: However, only 55% of format could be considered good.

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(2) Camera Operation: Package failed twenty-four (24) seconds after second turn-on (after approx 20 minutes and 56 seconds of camera operation). Camera transported 1200' of film, approx 800' of this was during pre-flight. Camera declared non-ready pending flight test.

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f. Take Movement:

(1) Photography: Satisfactory.

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6. Materiel:

a. Aircraft General: Satisfactory.

(1) Comments: Right engine (221) had tendency for EGT to climb and required repeated de-richment. Aircraft EGT system satisfactory.

b. Aircraft Systems: Unsatisfactory.

(1) Comments: Type I, G - System downgraded to non-ready. Malfunction under investigation; ARC-50 external voice inop beyond 135 miles; TACAN unreliable (air-to-air) beyond 10 miles.

7. Communications: Satisfactory.

a. Message Traffic: Satisfactory.

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(1) Comments: ARC-50 inop on external ADF [REDACTED]

8. Significant Actions Taken: Type I, G camera installed in aircraft 127 for FCF. If successful, camera will be returned to OR status.

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9. Outstanding Actions Required:

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